## Easterling, Deborah

From: Easterling, Deborah

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 2:28 PM

To: 'Seth Powell'

Subject: RE: Duke Energy - Protestant Form

Dear Mr. Powell,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email and Letter of Protest to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email and Letter of Protest will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling Administrative Assistant

From: Seth Powell [mailto:seth.e.powell@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2011 7:57 PM

To: Contact

**Subject:** Duke Energy - Protestant Form

Hello,

My name is Seth Powell. Attached is my completed Letter of Protest, as regards the upcoming hearing for Docket 2011-271-E, the motion for Duke Energy to raise its rates. If there are any problems with the document, please let me know.

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\* Required Fields

Date: \* October 24, 2011

Letter of Protest in Docket \* 2011 - 271 - E

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Protestant Information:						
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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of the Company, a participant in the local economy, and a landowner in the community.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I feel this request is ill-timed, as our people already struggle with high unemployment, high food and gas prices, and high economic uncertainty. Rather than help solve these problems, the motion would only serve to exacerbate them. Moreover, I feel this request is unnecessary, as Duke Energy is itself financially stable. In the past twelve months, the Company's stock value has grown ten percent, they have acquired their largest competitor in NC in an \$25b deal, and have posted corporate profits in excess of a billion dollars.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*
(This section should be completed.)

Yes, I absolutely would.